

IRWINDALE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5050 N. IRWINDALE AVENUE
IRWINDALE, CALIFORNIA 91706

FEBRUARY 23, 2022
WEDNESDAY
6:30 P.M.

The Irwindale **CITY COUNCIL** met in regular session, beginning at the above time and place.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilmembers Mark A. Breceda, H. Manuel Ortiz;
Mayor Pro Tem Albert F. Ambriz; Mayor Larry G. Burrola

Absent: Councilmember Manuel R. Garcia

Present: Julian A. Miranda, City Manager; Theresa Olivares, Assistant City Manager; Adrian Guerra, City Attorney; Ty Henshaw, Chief of Police; Arsanious Hanna, Director of Engineering / Building Official; Jeanette Duran, Interim Finance Director / City Treasurer; Marilyn Simpson, Community Development Director; Mary Hull, Human Resources Manager, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director; Jeff Wagner, Information Technology Manager; Iris Espino, Assistant to the City Manager; and Laura Nieto, Chief Deputy City Clerk

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

CITY MANAGER
MIRANDA

City Manager Miranda indicated that staff wishes to pull Item No. 2B from the agenda for further analysis and presentation to the Council at a future date.

COUNCILMEMBER TRAVEL REPORTS

None.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

MAYOR BURROLA

Mayor Burrola welcomed City Manager Miranda to the meeting and stated he is looking forward with working with him.

CITY MANAGER
MIRANDA

City Manager Miranda thanked the Council, staff, and the audience for the well-wishes, particularly former City Manager Tam, City Attorney Guerra, and Assistant City Manager Olivares for their input and assistance.

COUNCILMEMBER
ORTIZ

Councilmember Ortiz welcomed City Manager Miranda in his role as City Manager.

MAYOR PRO TEM
AMBRIZ

Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz welcomed City Manager Miranda to Team Irwindale.

COUNCILMEMBER
BRECEDA

Councilmember Breceda welcomed City Manager Miranda and expressed his optimism in working with him.

MAYOR BURROLA	Mayor Burrola asked whether any Councilmembers objected to Item No. 2B being postponed. There were no objections.
COUNCILMEMBER ORTIZ	Councilmember Ortiz requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Ricardo Miranda. He also reported on his recent attendance at a meeting of the Foothill Metro Gold Line Board meeting.
COUNCILMEMBER BRECEDA	Councilmember Breceda requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Frank and "Licha" Perez.

**INTRODUCTION OF
NEW EMPLOYEES /
PROMOTIONS**

INTRODUCTION OF CITY MANAGER JULIAN A. MIRANDA	INTRODUCTION OF CITY MANAGER JULIAN A. MIRANDA The introduction was made.
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**PROCLAMATIONS /
PRESENTATIONS /
COMMENDATIONS**

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS OF THE MONTH – JAN'S TOWING	CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS OF THE MONTH – JAN'S TOWING The presentation was made.
THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ENERGY CHAMPION AWARDS PRESENTATION BY SO CAL GAS	THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ENERGY CHAMPION AWARDS PRESENTATION BY SO CAL GAS The presentation was made.

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS**

CARMEN ROMAN	Carmen Roman stated her opposition to any type of curfew.
DENA ZEPEDA	Dena Zepeda requested that the meeting also be adjourned in memory of Ruben Gutierrez, congratulated City Manager Miranda on his appointment, responded to statements made in a recent article in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, and made allegations of corruption against staff.
FRED BARBOSA	Fred Barbosa also spoke out against curfews and stated that rules need to be enforced equally.
REBECCA BARBOSA	Rebecca Barbosa stated that the Police Department has always made her feel safe, noted her disappointment in some of the details

contained in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune article, and expressed her opposition to curfews.

LINDA MAREZ Linda Marez asked why certain matters continue to be brought up at Council meetings, opposed curfews, spoke on her positive experiences with the Police Department, and expressed her appreciation of the city's housing programs.

VERONICA LOPEZ Veronica Lopez, representing Assemblymember Rubio's Office, commended Jan's Towing for their award from the Chamber of Commerce, and congratulated City Manager Miranda on his appointment.

"MAYOR QUIMBY" An individual that self-identified as "Mayor Quimby" asked about a detail contained in the article from the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, to which City Attorney Guerra advised that the incident is under investigation by the County of Los Angeles and that staff would defer to the county for further details.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION A motion was made by Councilmember Breceda, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was unanimously approved; Councilmember Garcia absent.

ITEM NO. 1A **MINUTES**

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The following minutes were approved:

- 1) Special meeting held January 26, 2022
- 2) Regular meeting held January 26, 2022

ITEM NO. 1B **WARRANTS** **/ DEMANDS** **/ PAYROLL**

WARRANTS / DEMANDS / PAYROLL

The warrants / demands / payroll were approved.

ITEM NO. 1C **DEVELOPMENT** **IMPACT FEE** **COMPLIANCE** **REPORT**

DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE COMPLIANCE REPORT

The Development Impact Fee Compliance Report was received and filed in accordance with Government Code Section 66006.

ITEM NO. 1D **DECLARATION OF** **SURPLUS EQUIPMENT,** **ELECTRONICS AND** **MISCELLANEOUS** **ITEMS**

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT, ELECTRONICS AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

RESOLUTION NO.
2022-17-3267
ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2022-17-3267, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION OF SAID PROPERTY," was adopted.

ITEM NO. 1E
DECLARATION OF
SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

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RESOLUTION NO.
2022-16-3266
ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2022-16-3266, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE DECLARING VEHICLES AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF THE SURPLUS VEHICLES," was adopted.

ITEM NO. 1F
RESOLUTION
APPOINTING CITY
MANAGER JULIAN
A. MIRANDA AS
CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-18-3268 – APPOINTING CITY MANAGER JULIAN A. MIRANDA AS CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO.
2022-18-3268
ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2022-18-3268, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRWINDALE APPOINTING CITY MANAGER JULIAN A. MIRANDA AS CITY CLERK AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2018-19-3013," was adopted.

ITEM NO. 1G
APPROVAL OF
COOPERATIVE
AGREEMENT WITH
CITY OF BALDWIN
PARK FOR
RESURFACING OF
RAMONA BL. FROM
SAN GABRIEL RIVER
BRIDGE TO
SYRACUSE AVE.

APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF BALDWIN PARK FOR RESURFACING OF RAMONA BOULEVARD FROM SAN GABRIEL RIVER BRIDGE TO SYRACUSE AVENUE

The cooperative agreement with the City of Baldwin Park for resurfacing of the Irwindale portion of Ramona Boulevard from city limits to Syracuse Avenue was approved, and the City Manager was authorized to execute the same upon approval as to form by the City Attorney.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 2A
4TH OF JULY

4th OF JULY COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DIRECTOR RODRIGUEZ Director Rodriguez presented the staff report.

**COUNCILMEMBER
BRECEDA** Councilmember Breceda noted Councilmember Garcia's request that the Council consider allowing other groups, such as local schools, to conduct fireworks sales, to which City Manager Miranda stated that the request could be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

CARMEN ROMAN Carmen Roman stated that she looked forward to all city residents getting together for a picnic, and suggested that schools sell their fireworks outside of the city so that the usual non-profit groups may sell theirs in Irwindale.

DENA ZEPEDA Dena Zepeda stated that Irwindale residents that live near the Duarte area are unable to watch the annual fireworks show from their homes. She also supported the suggestion to have a citywide picnic but questioned why it would be scheduled a week from the 4th of July. She spoke in favor of getting together with her neighbors on the 4th of July. She concurred that the usual non-profits continue setting up booths for fireworks sales and that outside groups sell outside of Irwindale.

LINDA MAREZ Linda Marez agreed that a community picnic should be held to encourage attendance by city residents to help non-profit groups with their fundraisers.

MEGAN ZEPEDA Megan Zepeda suggested basing the fireworks show at the Skate Park.

**MAYOR PRO TEM
AMBRIZ** Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz suggested keeping the same schedule as usual, or perhaps condensing the hours of the event. He spoke on the importance of the holiday and the need to keep and observe history and celebrations.

**COUNCILMEMBER
ORTIZ** Councilmember Ortiz noted the information contained in the staff report and the recommendation by the Parks & Recreation Commission, and suggested implementing all three events described in the staff report.

Responding to a question by Councilmember Ortiz, Director Rodriguez advised that staff's recommendation includes holding only a fireworks show on the 4th of July, similar to what was done last year.

MAYOR BURROLA Mayor Burrola thanked staff and the Parks & Recreation Commission for their input, and concurred that efforts should be made to help the community get together. He suggested developing a policy of reserving a specific area of the park for residents only so that they could have a prime location to view the fireworks show, to which City Attorney Guerra advised that staff would need to look into the request.

MAYOR PRO TEM AMBRIZ In response to a question by Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz, Director Rodriguez advised that the park and pool will remain open to all on the 4th of July.

MOTION A motion was made by Mayor Burrola, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz, to approve: 1) one additional concert for Music in the Park the week of the 4th of July, 2) a Community Independence Day Picnic the Saturday prior to the 4th of July, and 3) a Fireworks Spectacular show on the 4th of July. The motion was unanimously approved; Councilmember Garcia absent.

ITEM NO. 2B
CURFEW POLICY

CURFEW POLICY

This item was pulled from the agenda at the request of staff.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

CITY MANAGER'S
REPORT

CITY MANAGER MIRANDA City Manager Miranda updated the Council about the following: 1) the repairs to the guardrail at the end of Pat Miranda Lane, 2) graffiti abatement under the Irwindale Avenue bridge parking structure area, 3) the "Locks of Love" community display, 4) the Walk 'N' Roll program, 4) the trips to the Hollywood Museum, Farmers Market, and the Grove, 5) the Mighty Coyotes basketball team, 6) Recreation Department employee awards, 7) Crocheters Group, 8) Mobile Library at the Senior Center, and 9) the Hornblower Brunch Cruise.

AGENDA ITEMS
REQUESTED BY
COUNCILMEMBERS

ITEM NO. 5A
UPDATE ON NOISE
POLICY / ORDINANCE

UPDATE ON NOISE POLICY / ORDINANCE (Requested by Councilmember Ortiz)

LIEUTENANT FRAIJO Lieutenant Fraijo provided the report. He advised that the City already has an ordinance addressing excessive noise, which is enforceable without the need for a private individual to make the request. The ordinance allows authority to cite for violations of the ordinance. Police officers can respond to requests and request that excessive noise be lowered to within acceptable levels, and that individuals

could be cited for repeat violations. Misdemeanor offenses could be fined up to \$500 and offenders may serve up to six months in jail.

COUNCILMEMBER
ORTIZ

Replying to a question by Councilmember Ortiz, Lieutenant Fraijo advised that officers attempt to gain compliance with the noise ordinance through voluntary means. However, when this does not occur, the officers have authority to issue citations if they need to return to the area.

MAYOR PRO TEM
AMBRIZ

Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz asked about instruments used to measure noise levels, to which Lieutenant Fraijo stated that staff possesses these instruments, though they would need to be calibrated if they are to be used more often. He added that Code Enforcement staff would also assist with noise concerns.

ITEM NO. 5B
TEMPORARY
HOMELESS HOUSING
DISCUSSION

TEMPORARY HOMELESS HOUSING DISCUSSION (Requested by Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz)

MAYOR PRO TEM
AMBRIZ

Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz noted his and Councilmember Ortiz's participation in an ad hoc committee along with the cities of Duarte and Azusa to address homelessness along the San Gabriel Valley Riverbed. He noted the complexities in addressing the crisis and advised that he is expected to present a report at the next ad hoc committee meeting regarding Irwindale's activities, and requested input by staff.

MAYOR BURROLA

Mayor Burrola also spoke on the difficulties encountered when addressing homelessness, noted that Baldwin Park has received grant funds to develop bridge housing for the homeless, and asked whether the Council would be interested in implementing something similar in Irwindale.

COUNCILMEMBER
BRECEDA

Councilmember Breceda noted that participating cities also seem to be hesitant to set up housing for the homeless in their cities due to the spike in fires that occur at homeless encampments. He stated, however, that something needs to be done to address the growing problem of homelessness.

COUNCILMEMBER
ORTIZ

Councilmember Ortiz noted that the three cities have been dialoguing for three years in an effort to determine a solution. He noted that the City of Azusa has done a great job of cleaning the riverbed, although the homeless have since relocated from the riverbed to the Santa Fe Dam. He stated that, should it be decided to build housing in Irwindale, funds for such a project would also need to be identified, especially funding from county, state, and federal levels.

COUNCILMEMBER

Councilmember Breceda suggested reaching out to Supervisor Solis'

BRECEDA office for input.

MAYOR PRO TEM
AMBRIZ Mayor Pro Tem Ambriz agreed that funding from the county, state, and federal levels would be needed. He also spoke on funding that the Army Corps of Engineers received to address the situation. He then suggested that staff develop suggestions and report to the Council.

CITY MANAGER
MIRANDA City Manager Miranda advised that staff could look into the request along with the City Attorney and present its findings to the Council at the next meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER
ORTIZ Councilmember Ortiz requested that updates on the status of the vacant units at the Las Casitas Senior Apartment Complex and the parking lots on Morada Street also be presented. He also noted that he has received many complaints about speeding cars on Irwindale Avenue and Cypress Street, and requested that Lieutenant Fraijo present an update at the next meeting regarding enforcement measures to deter speeding.

Councilmember Ortiz also asked about the availability of patrol officers, to which Lieutenant Fraijo advised that the motorcycle officer works Tuesdays through Thursdays during the day. However, there have been an increase in fatal traffic collisions that take time to investigate, which has tied up the officer's time.

Councilmember Ortiz also requested that consideration be given to hiring an additional motorcycle officer. He also asked about barricades at the intersection of Cypress and Azusa Canyon Road, to which Director Rodriguez advised that these temporary barricades are filled with water and will remain until the guardrails are built. Councilmember Ortiz expressed his appreciation in the use of the highly-visible barriers, and suggested potentially leaving something similar to use in combination with the guardrails, to which Director Rodriguez said that staff will look into the request and will further analyze Caltrans requirements.

CITY MANAGER
MIRANDA City Manager Miranda noted that staff needed to search for special counsel to cover an appeal that was received from an applicant whose application for a vacant Las Casitas apartment was rejected, to which Councilmember Ortiz voiced his displeasure that the apartments have been vacant for almost a year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m., in memory of Ricardo Miranda and Frank and "Licha" Perez.



Laura M. Nieto, MMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Approved as submitted at the meeting held March 9, 2022.